

ABSTRACT

A supportive device for helping physically handicapped people ('patients') shift from one structure such as a bed to other such as a supportive chair, without the necessity of letting them stand up while suspending them with a belt or supporting them in their underarms. Structurally, the supportive device includes a chassis 4 having an open rear end, provided with a pair of front wheels 2 and a pair of rear wheels 3, a pillar 14 erected on the chassis 4, a pair of arms 31 provided in the pillar 14, a pair of thigh supports 32 provided in the arms 31, a handrail 46 whose rear end is open, a back upholstery 48, and a lifting device for raising and lowering the thigh supports 32, wherein the arms 31 are eccentrically rotated in accordance with the rotation of shafts 36 axially extending in front of the patient's knees, in the course of the rotation of the arms 31 the thigh supports 32 being inserted under the patient's thighs.